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In Re Application of:

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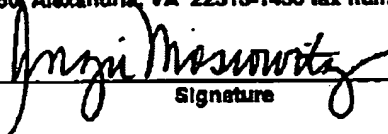
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AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

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Dear Sir:

Applicant submits this Amendment and Request for Reconsideration in response to the Final Office Action dated May 9, 2005. This response is being submitted within two months of the Office Action date such that, if necessary, an Advisory Action can issue. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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As Gallmeyer fails to show a fixing sleeve at all, or any supporting elements that are at least partially axially outside the mass member, the combination of Yokoda and Gallmeyer similarly fails to disclose at least the claimed features of independent claim 22 wherein only one fixing sleeve is provided and the circumferentially distributed supporting elements are arranged at least partially axially outside the mass member.

Dependent claims 2-13, 18-21 and 23-38 should be allowable for at least the same reasons set forth with respect to independent claims 1 and 22. Further, new claims 39 and 40 should be allowable for at least the same reasons. Claim 39 depends from claim 22 and further specifies the embodiment of Figures 3, 4, and 5. Likewise, claim 40 should be allowable for the same reasons as set forth with respect to claim 22 and further modifies the claim to specifically address the embodiment of Figures 6, 7, and 8. No new matter or issues are raised with respect to claims 39 and 40.

Having overcome all of the objections and rejections set forth in the Office Action, the Applicant submits that the case is in a condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowability is therefore earnestly solicited. The Examiner is invited to telephone the Applicant's undersigned attorney at (248) 223-9500 if any unresolved matters remain. The Examiner is further authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 50-0476 in the name of John A. Artz, P.C. should that be necessary in view of the newly cited claims.

Respectfully Submitted,

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